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CRUSADE

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An aerial, isometric view of a large, fortified convent or monastery. The complex is enclosed by a high stone wall with several towers and a large wooden gate. Inside the walls, there are several buildings with red-tiled roofs, including a large central church with a prominent tower. The convent is situated in a lush green forest, with a blue river or stream flowing through a rocky gorge in the foreground, partially surrounding the complex.

It was the year of our Lord 1238, and our convent was chosen once again by the Pope himself to house and protect many valuable religious artifacts during the Crusade.

An interior view of a room in the convent, likely a library or a study. The room has stone walls and a wooden floor. On the left, there is a tall wooden bookshelf filled with books. In the center, there is a small altar or table with a cross on the wall above it. On the right, there is a wooden door and a shelf with a bust of a man. In the foreground, there are several items on the floor, including a large yellow bag, a small golden pot, a blue bowl, and a long wooden staff or pole.

Perhaps it was because of our location deep in the forest outside Barcelona or the nuns' penchant for organization.

But it was probably
because of the sentries...

An almost invisible,
impenetrable force.

WHOOSH

WHOOSH
WHOOSH

THUNK

THWAP

THWUMP





HOW CAN WE
BE SURE THEY
WON'T COME
BACK?

JUST
BECAUSE OUR
BEST MARKSMAN
WASN'T THERE
DOESN'T MEAN
WE WEREN'T
EFFECTIVE!



YOU MEAN
MARKSWOMAN!





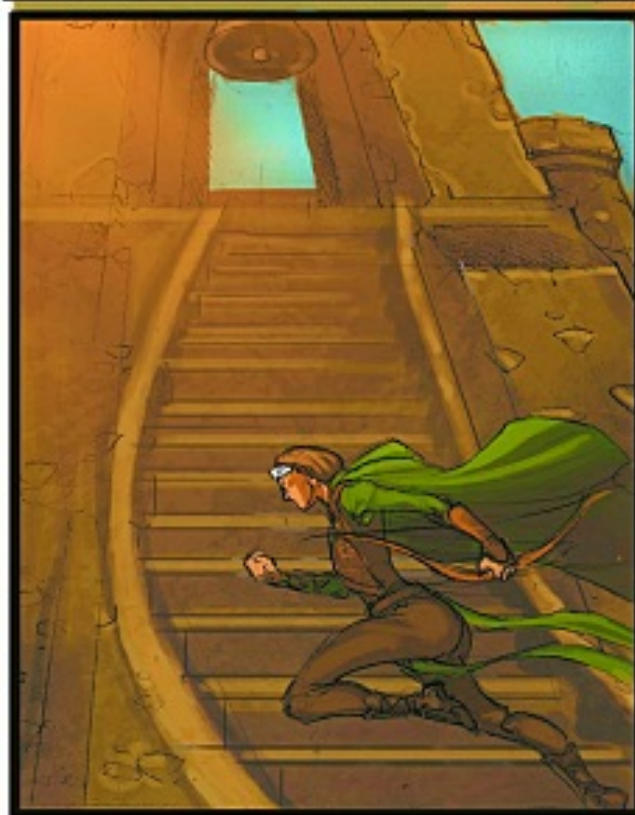
EVERYONE
INTO YOUR
HABITS!



GET TO THE
BELL TOWER. IF
THERE'S TROUBLE,
I'LL GIVE YOU THE
SIGNAL. YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO.



HURRY AND
GET CHANGED!
THEY MUSTN'T
KNOW WE'RE
THE SENTRIES.

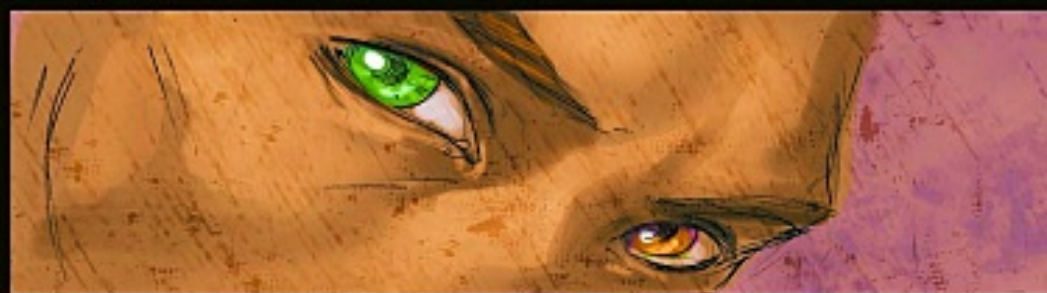














DID YOU HEAR THE SENTRIES FOUND A PRIEST LAST NIGHT? IN THE FOREST. HE'D BEEN BADLY BEATEN. CLAIMS THE TEMPLAR KNIGHTS DID IT.



THAT'S HORRIBLE. WHY WOULD THE TEMPLAR KNIGHTS DO SUCH A THING?

THE PRIEST SAID THEY STOLE HIS OFFICIAL PAPERS FROM THE POPE. HE CLAIMS HE WAS TO BE GIVEN THE SCEPTER.

THAT'S STRANGE.



SO IS HE...



HE HAS TWO DIFFERENT COLORED EYES.



I *DO* BELIEVE HIM, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. THE KNIGHTS WON'T GIVE UP THE SCEPTER WITHOUT A FIGHT. I WON'T HAVE MY SISTERS TAKE LIVES FOR SOME RELIC.

I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THOSE RELICS *WITH* OUR LIVES?



WHICH FROM THE SOUND OF IT, IS *EXACTLY* WHAT THE KNIGHTS DID TO THE PRIEST.

WHILE THEY'RE IN OUR POSSESSION, SELF-DEFENSE IS ONE THING, BUT IT'S QUITE ANOTHER TO HUNT OUR BROTHERS LIKE ANIMALS.



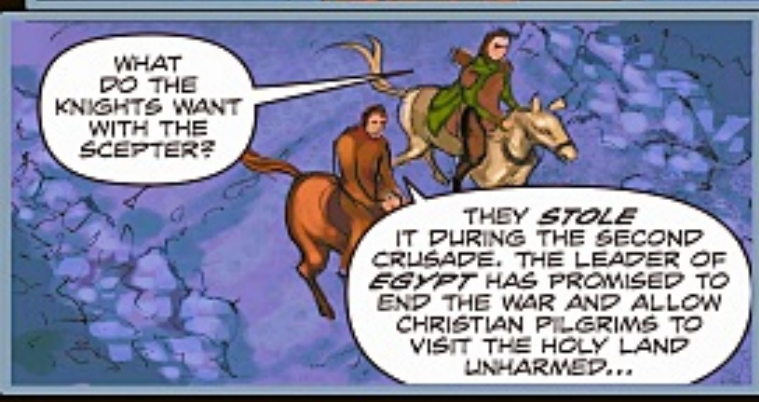
MY NAME IS SISTER VITA. ARE YOU WELL ENOUGH TO TRAVEL?



ALL OF THE
SENTRIES ARE
NUNS?!

I TRUST YOU
WON'T TELL
ANYONE.

I DOUBT
ANYONE WOULD
BELIEVE ME.



WHAT
DO THE
KNIGHTS WANT
WITH THE
SCEPTER?

THEY *STOLE*
IT DURING THE SECOND
CRUSADE. THE LEADER OF
EGYPT HAS PROMISED TO
END THE WAR AND ALLOW
CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS TO
VISIT THE HOLY LAND
UNHARMED...



BUT
ONLY IF THE
SCEPTER IS
RETURNED.

SO WHY
DON'T THE
KNIGHTS JUST
RETURN IT?



LOOK!

BECAUSE THE
TEMPLARS ARE IN THE
BUSINESS OF WAR. IT
STRENGTHENS THEIR
ORDER, GIVES THEM
EVEN MORE RICHES
AND POWER--



THEY WENT
THIS WAY,
PROBABLY
FOLLOWING
THE RIVER.



I KNOW A
SHORTCUT. WE
CAN CATCH UP
TO THEM.











WHY DID YOU HELP ME?

THEY WERE GOING TO KILL YOU.

I MEAN BEFORE THAT. WHY DID YOU COME TO ME AT THE CONVENT?



BEFORE THE SENTRIES FOUND YOU, I HAD A PREMONITION--A DREAM...ABOUT YOU.

I HAD A DREAM TOO. I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS OF YOU UNTIL I SAW THIS--

YOUR SCAR.

IT'S NOT A SCAR, I WAS BORN WITH IT.

LIKE MY EYES.





YES,
THE LA SEU
CATHEDRAL...

FROM THERE
WE CAN GET
PASSAGE TO
ROME.

WE?

YES, I'LL
COME WITH
YOU--

NO, IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS!





I'LL RIDE AHEAD
OF YOU TO THE CHURCH.
WHEN YOU GET THERE, WE
MUST ACT AS THOUGH
WE'VE NEVER MET.

BUT--



WAIT!



IF THE
WAR ENDS AND
THERE IS PEACE,
KNOW IT IS ONLY
BECAUSE OF
YOU.

GOD BE
WITH YOU.

YOU ARE
WITH ME,
TOO.



The next morning he left for
Rome and I never saw him again.

A year later another priest came to the convent bearing good news. The Crusade was over and Christians could once again visit the Holy Lands unharmed.



LIKE THE RING YOU WEAR TO SYMBOLIZE YOUR MARRIAGE TO CHRIST...



WE **ALSO** WEAR RINGS TO SYMBOLIZE OUR MARRIAGE TO THE CHURCH. BROTHER SILVIO WANTED YOU TO HAVE HIS. IT WAS HIS **LAST** REQUEST.



I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU HE DIED. HE AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE ATTACKED TRAVELING BACK FROM EGYPT.



THE TRUCE HAD ALREADY BEEN BROKERED. IT'S A MYSTERY AS TO WHY THEY WERE ATTACKED.



But it was no mystery to me. I knew who
was responsible. The Templar Knights.
And I would make certain they paid...





REWARD

FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO
CAPTURE OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF THREE
TEMPLAR KNIGHTS ON MAY 2 IN THE
FOREST OUTSIDE THE BATALHA MONASTERY.

THE KNIGHTS WERE KILLED WITH SHOTS
FROM BOW AND ARROW, YET NO ARROWS
WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE. REPORT ANY
AND ALL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS HEINOUS
CRIME TO THE SHERIFF OF BATALHA.





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